



## white river crayfish

*Procambarus acutus*

Kingdom:	Animalia
Division/Phylum:	Arthropoda
Class:	Malacostraca
Order:	Decapoda

### Features

The white river crayfish has long, narrow claws. It is pinkish-brown to dark red on its back. Large individuals are dark red with a black rectangle on each abdominal segment that makes a v-shaped stripe. Adults range from 2 1/2 to just over four inches long.

### Natural History

The white river crayfish lives in the deep water of sloughs and sluggish streams. It prefers areas with abundant vegetation. It eats vegetation. It may construct a burrow to live in when water bodies reach low levels. A burrow also may be used in the winter or by a female carrying eggs or young.

### Habitats

Mississippi River; Missouri River; interior rivers and streams

### Iowa Status

common; native

### Iowa Range

eastern one-third of Iowa

### Bibliography

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